

BOULEVARD OF CLIFTON DENTISTRY HARDNESS.



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REPORT PRESENTED BY
THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

BOROUGH OF CLIFTON DARTMOUTH HARDNESS.

Annual Report on the Health of the District for the Year 1971.

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BOROUGH OF CLIFTON DARTMOUTH HARDNESS.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1971.

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Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Report on the health of the District during 1971. Included in the Report is the Report of your Public Health Inspector.

Statistics.

There were 89 births during the year giving a Standardised Rate of 15.3 per thousand. This exceeds last years Rate of 10.3 and approaches the National Rate of 16.0. Also there were 4 more births than deaths, and the percentage of illegitimate births at 4% was half the National Percentage of 8%. A total of 85 deaths occurred giving a Standardised Rate of 11.4 per thousand which is a fraction lower than the National Rate of 11.6. There were 2 infant deaths, both from unavoidable causes. Thus the figures for Dartmouth are encouraging.

Cancer caused 25.9% of the deaths, which is only slightly above last years figure of 25%. Death from heart disease at 44.7% is a considerable improvement over last years figure of 59% and respiratory diseases caused 10.5% of deaths, an increase of one half per cent over the 1970 figure. There were no deaths from influenza.

Notifiable Diseases.

There was a small flurry of Measles during the third and fourth quarters of the year but apart from that there were few infections reported. One case of Malaria occurred in a patient who had returned from abroad.

Some reactions to Smallpox Vaccination were reported by one local doctor in January. Two babies and an adult, all of whom had received smallpox vaccination, developed strong reactions. The babies developed a high temperature and a rash, and the adult developed a severe local reaction on the arm. Three other persons who were vaccinated with the same batch of calf lymph produced no reactions. I made enquiries into the incidents and concluded that the persons who suffered a reaction did not have "vaccinia" but were allergic to the vaccine. A Report was sent to the Department of Health & Social Security in London.

Environmental Health.

Inspections carried out at a Bakery premises at Townstal revealed generally dirty premises. After several warnings had been given the Borough Council decided to prosecute the Firm. The case was heard in Court on January 4th, 1972. The Firm was convicted and fined £50 with £10 costs.

National Assistance Acts.

No persons were removed in accordance with Section 47 of the National Assistance Act of 1948 and no persons were buried under Section 50.

John Wildman.

Medical Officer of Health.

June, 1972.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

The Committee comprised all the Members of the Council with
Councillor Miss I.E.F. Scawn as Chairman.

S E C T I O N A .

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1971.

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1970 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION:

Estimated mid-year population. (Based upon the 1971 Census)

6,570 (7,130)

Natural increase or decrease	...	...	...	...	+ 4 (-23)
Migration in or out	...	...	...	...	-564 (-37)
Total increase or decrease	...	...	...	...	-560 (-60)

GENERAL STATISTICS:

Area in Acres... 1,925

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books (31st March)

2,702 (2,718)

Number of Houses per acre	...	...	...	...	1.404 (1.412)
Number of persons per acre	...	...	...	...	3.414 (3.713)
Number of persons per house	...	...	...	...	2.432 (2.629)

Rateable Value of District.

£238,433 (£233,856)

Sum Represented by a New penny Rate.

£2,225 (£912)
 (Old currency)

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1971.

(Table 2)

(Figures for 1970 are shown in brackets)

BIRTHS:

Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population. 15.3 (10.3)

Area Comparability Factor for Births ... 1.13 (1.13)

<u>Number of Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Total</u>	54	35	89
Legitimate	51	34	85
Illegitimate	3	1	4
<u>Number of Still Births.</u>	0	2	2

DEATHS:

Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population. 11.4 (10.8)

Area Comparability Factor for deaths ... 0.88 (0.88)

<u>Number of Deaths.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>All ages - Total</u>	41	44	85
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 yr.</u>	1	1	2
Number under 4 weeks of age	1	1	2
Number under 1 week of age	1	1	2

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births 22.0 (0.0)

COMPARISON WITH RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

BIRTH RATE: 16.0 (16.0) DEATH RATE: 11.6 (11.7)

Infantile Mortality Rate: 18.0 (18.0)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: Cases Notified during 1971

(Table 1)

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Age Group in Years</u>					
		<u>Under</u> 1	1-	5-	15-	25-	<u>Over</u> 65
Measles	30	3	13	12	2	0	0
Whooping Cough	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	5	0	0	4	1	0	0
Tuberculosis (non- pulmonary)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Infective Jaundice	4	0	0	0	2	2	0
Malaria (contracted abroad)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0

(Table 2)

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Incidence by Quarters</u>			
		<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
Measles	30	3	0	8	19
Whooping Cough	2	2	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	5	1	2	1	1
Tuberculosis (non- pulmonary)	1	1	0	0	0
Infective Jaundice	4	0	1	2	1
Malaria (contracted abroad)	1	0	1	0	0

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION.

In accordance with the requirements of the World Health Regulations Certificates of Smallpox and Cholera vaccinations in respect of persons travelling abroad were authenticated by the Public Health Department.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1971.

							<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
B18	Other Infective and parasitic diseases...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
B19	(2) Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	1
B19	(3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	1
B19	(4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
B19	(6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	6	0	6
B19	(8) Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
B19	(10) Leukaemia...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
B19	(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	7
B20	Benign and unspecified Neoplasms...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
B46	(1) Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	1
B23	Anaemias...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	1
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	9	8	17
B29	Other forms of Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	...	...	...	...	...	2	8	10
B46	(6) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	6
B32	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	2
B33	(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	5
B33	(2) Asthma	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	1
B46	(7) Other Diseases of respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
B34	Peptic Ulcer	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
B46	(9) Other Diseases, Genito-urinary System	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	1
B42	Congenital Anomalies...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	1
B43	Birth injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
B45	Symptoms and ill defined conditions	...	...	...	...	...	0	3	3
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
BE48	All other Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	0	2	2
TOTAL ALL CAUSES							41	44	85

S E C T I O N B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR DARTMOUTH.

LABORATORY SERVICE.

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Exeter and Plymouth.

The chemical analysis of water is undertaken by Public Analysts at Exeter, and also by the South West Devon Water Board.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES.

The following are some of the County Council Services under the National Health Service Act, 1946, available at Dartmouth. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, Health Department, County Hall, Exeter.

Ambulance Service.

The ambulance service at Dartmouth, now radio controlled from Torquay, is operated by the St. John Ambulance Brigade, under an agency agreement with the Devon County Council. (Telephone: Torquay 39345). Except in emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a medical practitioner.

Midwifery, Home Nursing, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres.

Domiciliary Midwives and District Nurses are available (Telephone Dartmouth 2247) also a Health Visitor (Telephone: Dartmouth 2845). The main Welfare Centre is at 1, Mayor's Avenue, (Telephone: Dartmouth 2845), and another at Townstal.

VACCINATIONS, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, and Tetanus & Poliomyelitis Immunisation

A Medical Officer at the Welfare Centres will vaccinate or immunise babies at the request of parents. Family doctors will also provide this prophylaxis free of charge.

Chiropody Service.

A County Council Chiropodist operates a foot clinic at the Welfare Centre, 1, Mayor's Avenue (Telephone: 2845). Treatment is available for handicapped persons, the elderly and any expectant mothers who might be in need of chiropody. Most cases are referred to the clinic by the family doctor, but there is provision for health visitors, district nurses, and voluntary agencies to refer cases to the County Medical Officer.

Sessions are held every Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

County Council Social Services.

The Area Director of Social Services operating from The Family Welfare Centre, Pomeroy House, Bridgetown, Totnes, Telephone: Totnes 3665, is responsible for providing a Social Work Service under the Children's Acts, The Mental Health Act, 1959, and the National Assistance Acts, to the elderly, the mentally ill, the physically handicapped and homeless persons and families. The Social Services Department also administers the Home Help Service, the Social Work Service to Schools, the Occupational Therapy Services and Residential Homes and Centres.

HOSPITAL SERVICES.

The Dartmouth and Kingswear Hospital (23 beds) is administered by the Torquay Hospital Management Committee. Patients from Dartmouth also attend the Torbay Hospital, Torquay, which is the principal general hospital for the area. Chronic sick can receive treatment at Broomborough Hospital, Totnes, and at Newton Abbot Hospital.

All the above beds are managed by the Torquay Hospital Management Committee within the South-Western Regional Hospital Board.

GENERAL PRACTITIONER MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES.

There are 4 General Medical Practitioners and 2 Dentists at Dartmouth. There is also a school dental clinic at the Welfare Clinic, 1, Mayor's Avenue, Dartmouth.

OTHER SERVICES.

A rest room for elderly people functions at Market Street. It is comfortably furnished and light refreshments may be obtained. Meals-on-wheels are distributed by W.R.V.S. volunteers and delivered twice weekly.

A Family Planning Clinic is held at the main Welfare Centre on the first Wednesday evening of each month commencing at 6.30 p.m., and on the third Tuesday of each month, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Blood Transfusion Donor Sessions at Dartmouth are periodically arranged by the S.W. Blood Transfusion Service.

The Council owns a disinfecter.

S E C T I O N C.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1971.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1971.
and in doing so wish to thank my colleagues in other Departments for
their help and co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

V.E.HUGHES.

Public Health Inspector.

June, 1972.

WATER SUPPLY.

PUBLIC Source of Supply.

Drinking water is supplied by the South West Devon Water Board from their moorland supplies on Dartmoor and the Norton Reservoir at Dartmouth.

South West Devon Water Board.

With the exception of a few private supplies mentioned below the Board supplies water to the whole of the Town. The Board regularly takes samples of water for bacteriological examination.

We appreciate very much the way the Board have co-operated during the year and their prompt response to calls made upon them when urgent repairs have been required to water mains. The water supplied to the Borough is not plumbo-solvent.

PRIVATE Sources of Supply.

At the beginning of the year there were 13 properties on private supplies, either from wells or springs. Most of these are too remote from a main piped supply to be connected.

A total of eleven water samples was taken from private supplies and 5 samples showed evidence of bacteriological contamination in varying degrees. Consumers were advised to boil the water for human consumption when contamination was confirmed.

Numerous water samples were taken from the three swimming pools in the Town. Slight contamination was found on one occasion during the hot weather and it was necessary to increase the chlorine dosage to obtain a satisfactory sample.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

There are 9 main sewer outfalls belonging to the Council and these discharge into the tidal waters of the Estuary of the River Dart.

Pollution of the River Dart continued to give concern during the year. The main trouble was due to the broken sewer outfalls and the discharge of others too near the Embankment. Contamination of the shore and public steps was particularly bad at low water. The Council are now going ahead with a major sewage scheme and treatment plant, which when completed will practically eliminate pollution of the River Dart as far as the Borough is concerned.

Particularly high bacteria counts were obtained from four samples of the river water in the summer, when pollution can be regarded as at its worst due to the additional discharge by visitors both in the Town and other places up the river.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Tipping was continued at Molescombe, some thirteen miles distant in the Kingsbridge R.D.C. area. The cost of controlling the tip is shared with Kingsbridge Urban and Rural Districts and Salcombe U.D.C. Household refuse continues to be collected weekly.

Trade refuse is collected twice weekly, free of charge. Any special collections are charged for at the rate of one shilling per bin; this applied particularly to some food premises in the summer months where twice weekly collection was found to be insufficient.

Each year the weekly total of refuse increases with the increased number of houses and business premises, and influx of summer visitors. The time is not far distant when space for crude tipping will be exhausted and an alternative will have to be found. The cost of disposal increases yearly largely on account of the long haulage to the tipping site.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

Disinfection and Disinfestation.

Use of the steam disinfecter was discontinued with steam but was kept as a standby for dry disinfection.

Nine houses were treated for vermin. Flies, ants, and wasps were dealt with at 27 premises. Hornets and cockroaches were also dealt with.

Caravan Sites.

The one caravan site in the Borough was totally converted to a chalet site by the removal of the last three caravans.

The annual survey of the whole site, made in August, revealed that there were two hundred and twenty nine chalets occupied by people on holiday. The swimming pool was well patronised, and, except for one occasion, samples of water from it were satisfactory.

Several complaints were received concerning the flats in the main house of the holiday centre. Action was put in hand to close two of the flats for human occupation as not complying with health standards.

Roadside Camping.

There were no cases of roadside camping found during the year. There appears to be a shortage of suitable licensed sites in the area for touring caravans, and efforts were made to find a site, but without success.

With the co-operation of the Devon & Torbay Joint Fire Service inspection of properties continued throughout the year. Recommendations made to owners were generally well received.

A lot of work in connection with means of escape in case of fire has been carried out during the year at properties so far dealt with.

Holiday Cottages.

The holiday cottages at Compass Cove were all inspected prior to the opening of the season and were found very satisfactory.

Every year more town houses are converted for holiday use only and rented as furnished accommodation at very enhanced rents.

Common Lodging Houses.

There are no registered common lodging houses in the Borough.

HOUSING.

Inspections.

A total of 200 properties in the Borough were visited under the Public Health and Housing Acts during 1971. They were dealt with on 629 occasions principally by inspection or re-inspection where notices were served for the remedy of defects or where defects were suspected or complained of.

225 complaints were received and dealt with during the year. The following list gives a summary of repair work completed and inspected:-

Roofs ...	...	...	...	...	17
External walls	...	...	...	...	26
Internal plastering...	...	...	...	...	23
Ceilings	...	...	...	...	5
Floors ...	...	...	...	...	9
Windows...	...	...	...	...	10
Chimneys	...	...	...	...	6
Yards ...	...	...	...	...	3

Drainage.

Inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	...	81
Tests carried out	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Drains repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Rainwater pipes and gutters	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
New drains laid (excluding new properties)	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Inspection chambers built or repaired...	...	...	...	...	...	...	81
Number of Informal Notices served and completed	...	...	...	...	...	...	126
Number of Statutory Notices served and completed	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

Overcrowding.

Only one case of suspected overcrowding was investigated during the year; it was not confirmed.

Substandard Housing.

Part of a house was closed for human habitation by a Closing Order.

Rent Act, 1957.

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year.

Improvement Grants.

68 properties were inspected in connection with applications for improvement grant; 14 were not eligible or were refused. 18 were completed and grants paid in connection therewith amounted to £5841. No applications for the compulsory improvement of houses were made by tenants during the year.

Council Houses.

108 applicants for Council houses were visited in connection with their existing accommodation, and their need for rehousing. Reports on each were sent to the Housing Officer, and repairs necessary were brought to the notice of the landlord. The principal need for rehousing is no longer on account of bad conditions, but rather for economic reasons or for growing families needing more bedroom space.

52 visits were made to Council houses; the majority were very well maintained by the tenants. Defects, where found, were referred to the Borough Engineer for remedial action.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

MILK AND DAIRIES.

Milk Supply.

There are 4 registered dairies in the Town. There are also 7 retail shops licensed to sell bottled milk. One farm is registered for the sale of Tuberculin Tested farm bottled milk. The remaining farmers despatch all milk produced to a central pasteurising plant. All the milk supplied to schools was pasteurised.

Milk Samples.

19 samples of milk were sent to the laboratory for the methylene blue and brucellosis tests. All but one sample passed the tests. After visits of advice to the farm producing the failed sample, repeat samples were satisfactory.

2 samples of cream were taken, both of which passed the bacteria tests.

Food Premises.

During the year 688 visits were made to the Market and 101 food premises in the Town. Details are as follows:-

<u>Number and Type of Food Premises.</u>	<u>Visits.</u>
Market and Stalls (10 Stallholders)	48
23 Cafes and Restaurants, Canteens	175
18 Bakehouses and Confectioners	95
27 Hotels and Licensed Premises	143
6 Wet and Fried Fish Shops	14
8 Butchers	60
19 Fruit and Grocery	129
4 Dairies	24

3 Cafes, 1 general store and 1 licensed premises closed during the year. One cooked meats shop opened.

Complaints investigated regarding foreign matter in food included a pin in figs, a grub in flour, and glass in icecream, the latter case resulted in a fine of £3⁰ with £10 costs.

Ice Cream.

There are 27 premises registered to sell ice cream. Two of these are registered for manufacture.

26 samples of ice cream were taken for bacterial examination. 13 of the samples were placed in Grade I (satisfactory), 8 in Grade II (fair) 1 in Grade III (Unsatisfactory), and 4 in Grade IV (very bad). The very bad ones were investigated at the place of manufacture.

Unsound Food.

Food inspected and surrendered by retailers as being unfit for human consumption is listed below:-

Tinned Food.

Type	lbs.	Type	lbs.	Type	lbs.
Apricots	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fruit Juice	16	Veal	6
Grapefruit	64	Cream	6	Ham	290
Peaches	24	Jam	9	Meat	12
Pears	10	Marmalade	11	Soup	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pineapple	13	Peas	24	Animal Food	22
Plums	77	Beans	18	Miscellaneous	50
Fruit Salad	10	Tomatoes & Juice	40		

Other Food.

	lbs.
Meat	371
Flour	46
Ice cream	320
Fish	18

Most of the condemned tinned food was due to careless handling. The economic loss over the whole country must be enormous.

Food Samples.

The following is a summary of the samples taken in Dartmouth during 1971 for analysis:-

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Result</u>
Lobster spread	Genuine	Processed Cheese	Genuine
Mixed Vegetables	"	Instant Stock Powder	"
Orange drink	"	Dressed Crab	"
Victoria Plums	"	Bitter Lemon Drink	"
Red Plums	"	Pork Pies	"
Golden Plums	"	Chestnut Spread	"
Kidney Beans	"	Tomato Ketchup	"
Bamboo Shoots	"	Apricot Pudding	"
Artichoke hearts	"	4 Samples bottled milk	"

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Rodent Control.

The Operator works half-time on Rodent Control and half-time on general duties. This arrangement was adequate to control infestation. The table below summarises the action taken during the year.

<u>Properties other than Sowers.</u>	<u>Type of Property</u>	
	<u>Non-Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
1. Number of Properties in District	3101	16
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	118	Nil
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	44	Nil
(ii) Mice	18	Nil
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	91	6
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	1	1
(ii) Mice	0	0

Sewers infested by rats during the year - Nil.

The disused refuse tip was adequately earthed over and grassed. No rat infestation was found.

Farms.

26 visits were made to farms in connection with rodent control, milk supplies, private water supplies or The Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956. Very little rat infestation was found and was soon dealt with.

OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

There was one accident reported from which an employee was off work as a result. It was of a minor nature. Notices were served for infringements of the Act in respect of inadequate working space, 2 cases, general defects, one case, the provision of a thermometer and first aid equipment, one case, and the provision of a handrail to a staircase, one case. There were 6 new registrations during the year.

A summary of the annual return for the year 31st December, 1971, is as follows:-

Table A.
Registration and General Inspections.

<u>Class of premises.</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Regist-</u> <u>rations</u> <u>during 1971</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Regist-</u> <u>rations</u> <u>to date</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Registered</u> <u>premises</u> <u>inspected</u>
Offices	2	30	20
Retail shops	4	77	74
Wholesale shops, Warehouses	0	0	0
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	0	24	20
Fuel storage Depots	0	1	1
Totals	6	132	115

Table B.
Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered premises:-

148

Table C.
Analysis of persons employed in Registered premises by work place.

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
219	327	546

<u>Class of Work Place.</u>	<u>No. of Persons employed</u>
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Offices	151
Retail shops	241
Wholesale shops, Warehouses	0
Catering Establishments open to the public	143
Canteens	0
Fuel storage depots	11

Table D.
Exemptions.

Part I - Space (Section 5(2))	.. .. Nil.
Part II Temperature (Section 6).	.. .. Nil.
Part III - Sanitary conveniences (Section 9)	.. Nil.
Part IV - Washing Facilities (Section 10)	.. Nil.

Table E.
Prosecutions.

Nil.

Table F.
Inspectors.

No. of Inspectors appointed under
Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act .. 1

No. of other staff employed for
most of their time on work in
connection with the Act .. Nil.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

There is only one registered user of Rag Flock. Supplies are obtained from Licensed premises outside the Borough. No samples were taken during the year.

SHOPS ACT, 1950.

Under the provisions of Section 51 of the Act a referendum was conducted in respect of Sunday opening for the eighteen occasions permitted under the Act. 92 shops were visited and questionnaires were completed at each. A sufficient majority was obtained to permit an Order being made sanctioning Sunday opening for the sale of articles specified in the seventh schedule of the Act.

PETROLEUM AND EXPLOSIVES ACTS.

Number of licences granted to store Petroleum 7

Number of Licences granted to store Mixed Explosives ... 6

All premises were inspected prior to the issue of licences. 35 visits were made to petroleum installations and 17 to premises storing explosives.

GAME ACT, 1831.

Four persons were licensed to deal in game.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT, 1950.

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957.

The Order makes it compulsory to boil all swill before it is fed to pigs. Premises so used are licensed by the County Council who delegate powers of inspection to the Local Authority. Only one was in use during the year.

LAND CHARGES ACT, 1925.

During the year a total of 313 land charge enquiries were dealt with in the Public Health Department. This figure gives some indication of the number of properties changing hands. Unfortunately many of the houses so doing are lost to the resident population because they are converted for holiday use only, either as retreats or for summer lettings. It is an indication too of the increase in two-house families, which is more apparent in a holiday and retirement area such as Dartmouth. Most of the houses are sold at very enhanced prices which put them beyond the reach of most people on the housing waiting list, or of young married couples. It is found therefore that the stock of private houses to let falls each year thus creating a continuing demand for Council houses.

S E C T I O N D.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

The following is a summary of information required in respect of the year 1971.

Part I of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of Provisions as to health.

(i) Factories without Mechanical Power:
(Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6).

Number on Register	..	..	..	..	..	6
Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	10
Written Notices	..	..	..	..	..	0
Occupiers prosecuted	..	..	..	..	..	0

(ii) Factories with Mechanical Power:
(Section 7)

Number on Register	..	..	..	..	..	30
Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	107
Written Notices	..	..	..	..	..	0
Occupiers prosecuted	..	..	..	..	..	0

(iii) Other Premises under the Act:
(Section 7)

(Electric Stations, Institutions, Sites of Building Operations, Works of Engineering Construction, but excluding Outworker's Premises).

Number on Register	..	..	..	..	..	0
Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	0
Written Notices	..	..	..	..	..	0
Occupiers prosecuted	..	..	..	..	..	0

2. Cases in which defects were found.

<u>Defect</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Defects referred</u>	
			<u>to H.M.</u>	<u>by H.M.</u>
			<u>Inspector</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	0	0	0	<u>1</u>
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0

Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted: Nil.

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork.

(Sections 133 and 134)

	<u>Section 133</u>			<u>Section 134</u>	
Nature of work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises	Notices served
(1)	(1) (c) (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Wearing) making apparel) etc.	0	0	0	0	0

(7) There were no prosecutions.

